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ONLINE BOOKMARKING LIVEBINDERS, WEBLIST, & SYMBALOO EDU

[HTTP://LIVEBINDERS.COM](http://livebinders.com)

[HTTP://WEBLIST.ME](http://weblis.me)

[HTTP://EDU.SYMBALOO.COM](http://edu.symbaloo.com)

Instead of having students copy URLs of websites & then have them navigate to different pages, a simpler solution is to use an online bookmarking service. Here are three different services, each with their own unique look & method.

LiveBinders is a website that allows you to view links like pages in a book instead of URLs on a page. PDF & Word documents can also be combined with links in a binder. Links & documents can be organized into tabs & sub-tabs. They are easy to share from the website, on desktops, or embedded in a class blog, wiki, or website.

Weblis lets you pull together & organize content on the web. This website is particularly useful for education because of its visual feature. Each website is saved as a snapshot of that website with the website name & a description below. The visual appeal is ideal for younger students who are learning to read & will be able to recognize the image first. Students can navigate easily between pages, because the list is embedded in Weblis, so the URL never changes.

Symbaloo EDU was created with educators in mind. It lets you gather your entire favorite online tools & sites into a web mix about the topics you teach. The web mixes can be published & shared with colleagues, students, & parents. Folders can

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COMMON CRAFT

[HTTP://COMMONCRAFT.COM](http://commoncraft.com)



Common Craft produces videos called "In Plain English." These videos explain potentially confusing subjects through the use of paper cut-outs & clear narration. Technology videos offered for: augmented reality, blogs, cloud computing, computer hardware, computer software, online photo sharing, phishing scams, podcasting, protecting reputations online, RSS, secure passwords, secure websites, social bookmarking, social media, social networking, Twitter, web search strategies, Wikipedia, wikis, & World Wide Web. Common Craft also offers videos explaining concepts in personal finance & political science.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: SPECIAL NOTE

There is a NEW 30-laptop cart that is in & ready to be checked out, & the iTouches have additional apps.

GROLIER ONLINE: [HTTP://GO.GROLIER.COM](http://go.grolier.com)

Grolier – Username: Password:

Grolier Online is easier to use than ever, with a more powerful search engine that provides results for encyclopedia articles, web links, media, news & magazines, plus two dynamic, new age-appropriate home pages—Grolier Online Kids & Grolier Online Passport—designed to facilitate research & discovery for the ways kids at different levels learn today.

The elementary subscribes to three online encyclopedias: The New Book of Knowledge, Amazing Animals of the World, & America the Beautiful.



netTrekker – Username: Password:

netTrekker is a safe search engine for students to use. It provides reliable, safe resources that have been evaluated by a professional team. One of the exciting features offered is Read Aloud. The Read Aloud feature in netTrekker search provides text-to-speech functions for all information on netTrekker search pages, for text on web resources accessed from any search result, &

for definitions accessed by using the *Dictionary Hot Key*. Using a highlight-to-read approach, users simply highlight a passage of text using their mouse to hear the text read aloud through their computer speakers.

NETTREKKER

[WWW.NETTREKKER.COM](http://www.nettrekker.com)

PODCASTING WITH GARAGEBAND

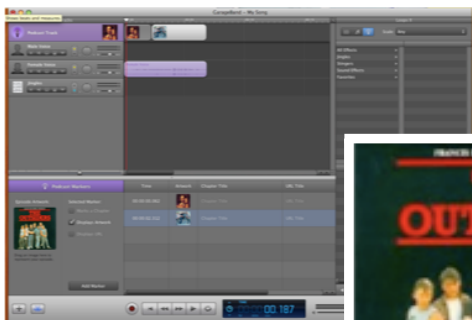
Much like journals and diaries, **podcasts** allow students to express their opinions & share their experiences with others. Podcasts are designed to be broadcasted to a larger audience, whether shared with the class, the school or the world. Podcasts are digital recordings made available using a "feed" for others to listen. They are great ways to spread the news & to demonstrate what students have learned.

Examples –

- Students could produce a series of podcasts as they read through a chapter book, giving their impressions of the book.
- Students produce a podcast after finishing a book for class.

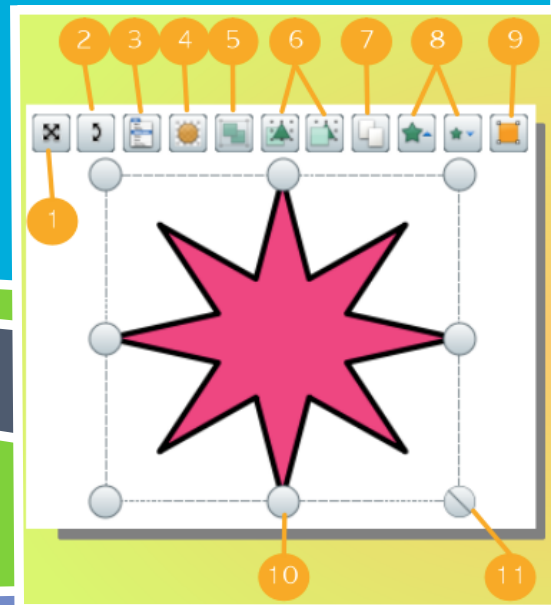
Steps to creating a podcast,

- **Plan:** Write the script. This is the most important & sometimes the most time consuming part of the process.
- **Produce:** Record the audio using GarageBand. You may also include images to enhance the podcast.
- **Edit:** Trim the audio, add music in the beginning & the end.
- **Publish:** Export the GarageBand file to iTunes. From iTunes you can export the file as an MP3 which can be uploaded to a website, CD, iPod... to make it available for sharing.



ACTIVINSPIRE MARQUEE HANDLE

1. Freely Move Object
2. Rotate Object
3. Object Edit Menu
 - a. You can lock things down to the page. This makes the object unmovable while in Presentation Mode.
4. Translucency Slider
5. Toggle Grouped
 - a. Group items together to move them & size them together. The Grouped button will appear yellow if objects are grouped.
6. Bring Forward/Send Backward
 - a. Moves objects in the stack, not between layers
7. Duplicate
8. Increase/Decrease Object Size
9. Edit Share Points
10. Size Object
11. Size Object (Maintain Aspect)



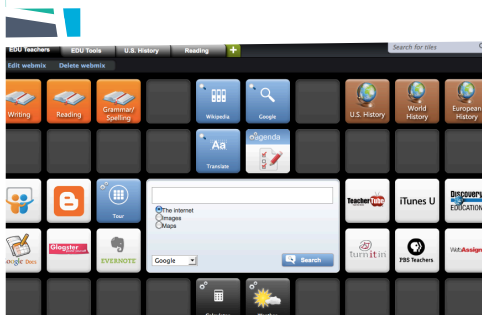
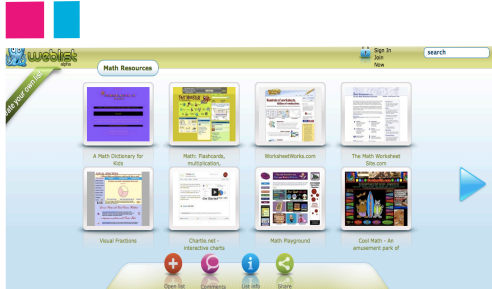
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be created that contain sites and resources that are related. Links can be added to slide shows, documents, videos, images, etc. Teachers can create a web mix for students to access using a unique URL with no registration required.



Classroom Ideas

- Online digital portfolios for students
- Can be placed on desktops so that students don't have to type in long URLs
- Create your own "textbooks" for students to access
- Create an assignment lists with all worksheets, homework, links, & digital classroom materials
- Students can create lists to keep themselves organized as they complete research projects
- Create a list of URLs centered on a theme



WEBSITE 2 CHECK OUT

TWURDY

WWW.TWURDY.COM

Twurdy is search tool that displays the readability of your search. It uses a color-coded system to indicate how easy or difficult a website is to read. There are three types of searches; *Just Twurdy*, *Simple Twurdy*, & *Twurdy with Pop*. Here's how Twurdy defines the three search types,

- **Just Twurdy** – searches using Twurdy's basic algorithm with medium speed & medium results.
- **Simple Twurdy** – searches using Twurdy's simple algorithm for fast speed but less accurate results.
- **Twurdy with Pop** – searches using Twurdy's most complex algorithm, which includes looking up the popularity of words within the text. It has a slower speed with more accurate results